

Remarks

The Official Action allowed claims 1-12 and 14-27 and objected to claim 13. Applicants gratefully thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-12 and 14-27. Further, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of claim 13 as amended.

Claim Objections

The Official Action objected to claim 13 for informalities. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the word “bit” on line 4 of claim 13 should be changed to “bits”. Applicants have amended claim 13 to merely correct the obvious typo. The Applicants’ intention is to retain the scope original sought and not to narrow the scope of claim 13 beyond what was originally intended.

Abstract Objections

The Official Action objected to the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE paragraph. Applicants have amended the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE paragraph as suggested by the Examiner.

Specification Objections


The Official Action objected to the Specification for lacking a “Summary of the Invention”. However, Applicants kindly point out that both the MPEP and 37 C.F.R. §1.73 do not require the presence of a “Summary of the Invention.” They merely indicate where in the application the “Summary of the Invention” should be placed if Applicants choose to add one. 37 C.F.R. §1.73 only states that a “Summary of the Invention” should or may be included. It does not state “must” or “shall.” Accordingly,

Applicants have elected not to include a "Summary of the Invention" as this is within the discretion and right of the Applicants.

Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action. Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is requested, and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account number 02-2666. If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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